

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Eric L. Barsness : Date: October 25, 2007  
Group Art Unit: 2142 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: R. Harrell : Intellectual Property Law  
Serial No.: 10/720,878 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : Rochester, MN 55901  
DETERMINING AVAILABILITY OF A  
USER OF AN INSTANT MESSAGING  
APPLICATION (As Amended)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This application has already received a Notice of Allowance, dated October 1, 2007.  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312.

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